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Dear Gordon:

Thank you for your letter of 18 September concerning the Symposium you are planning to hold in New Delhi in March, 1969.

I realize your need for a quick answer to help you get on with your plans, so I will not waste time with all of the detailed reasons, but can simply indicate that it will be quite impossible for me to fit this into my schedule.

If it can be of some help for me to suggest a couple of other speakers who would profit from participation in your meeting and could make constructive contributions on the subject of "The Brain as a Computer", let me quickly nominate:

Prof. Marvin Minsky
Professor of Electrical Engineering
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Prof. Jerry Lettvin
Professor of Communications Physiology
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

As an alternative, I could suggest Prof. Eric Shooter of this department who would complement Whitaker's discussion with respect to the characterization of the protein in the nervous system on which he has been working for quite sometime now.

It certainly does appear to be a fascinating meeting quite apart from your holding it in India, and I am sorry to miss the occasion. I am also sorry to have barely missed seeing you on your recent visit.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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